



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
APRIL 28TH, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome to Wallingford Presbyterian Church

Members and friends gather here each Sunday morning (and lots of times during the week!) to celebrate and serve. We rejoice that you are here, and hope that you'll feel right at home.



Please take a moment to silence your cell phone.



Face Masks are optional for all activities and are available upon request.



Friendship Pew Pads can be found at the end of each pew.

Please fill them out and pass along to your neighbors.

Visitors are encouraged to reach out about activities they may be interested in.

WPC Directory Our church uses the online directory feature of Planning Center.

Find it online or on the Church Center app. Contact the church office with questions.

WPC Happenings Stay informed! Physical copies available out in the Narthex.



Visual Worship Schedules are available upon request.



If You Need a Little Help Hearing, portable listening devices are available.



An All Gender, ADA Restroom is located in the Narthex.

An Infant Changing Station and Quiet Room for parents is located in the Narthex.

Activity Packets are available for children to use during worship.

Fidget Toys for children (and adults) are available at the Narthex entrance.

Gluten Free Cookies are labeled and available during coffee hour.



Communion is served the first Sunday of the month.

WPC uses bread that is gluten free and made without tree nuts or peanuts.

Please ask an usher if you need help; we are here to assist you!

STAFF & HOURS

PASTOR: Rev. François Lacroix

- Tuesday, 11:00am-4:00pm
- Wednesday, 10:00am-2:00pm

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Rev. Taylor Cornelius

- Monday, 11:00am-4.430pm
- Thursday, 10:00am-1:00pm

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Lee Hagon-Kerr

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR: Nathan Gibson

- Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR: Leslie Krowchenko

CLERK OF SESSION: Christine Darr

CO-TREASURERS: Ed Mattote and Todd Darr

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Michelle Hall

*Those who are able, please stand.

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A community where all who seek God are Welcome...



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“If you judge people, you have no time to love them.” – Mother Teresa

“Do not waste time bothering whether you “love” your neighbor; act as if you did. As soon as we do this we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone you will presently come to love him.” – CS Lewis

Thought to take with you - We are stewards of one another, called to speak out on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves, to love the unlovable, to welcome the stranger, and to love and pray for those who hate and persecute us. What is one small way you can begin to live into Jesus’ command to love one another *this week*?

GATHERING

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OPENING SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:7-21

NRSV NT 241

CALL TO WORSHIP

A Story of Love

Roddy Hamilton

gather round

I have a story to tell
of one who reached inside himself
and took a handful of love
like a pile of stardust
and said: this is for you
it is all you need
it is all you will ever need
there is enough here
to change the whole world
take it

many laughed at him
mocked him
and ignored the invitation

but some dared to take it
and those who did
noticed something about this love
they found they could do what the gift-giver could do
they could stand with the lost
welcome the traveler
eat with the hungry
they found themselves doing what the man first did to them

give something of themselves to others
they became like the man
offering themselves
and as they offered themselves
others took the invitation
and many still do
and many still trust
it is enough to change the whole world

*OPENING HYMN #300

We Are One in the Spirit THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward at this time. Parents are encouraged to accompany younger children and sit with them on the chancel steps or in the front seats. Then, children (18 months –11 years) are invited to Sunday School classes or to stay with us in worship. If this is your child's first time going to Sunday School, please accompany them downstairs in order to register your child.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace.

To serve each other in love and humility. To serve your world with wisdom and energy.

Forgive us when we stumble over pride, when our words and actions are not guided by love.

Turn our hearts when we act in folly. Restore our energy when it is gone.

Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail.

But your abundant grace is strong and eternal, And forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

(VASILE)

Glory to God whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen (x3)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 22:25-31

NRSV OT 501

ANTHEM

Christ is the Vine

Marilyn and James Biery

Christ is the vine, we are the branches; growing in unity with each new strand. Christ is the vine, we are the branches; nurtured and pruned by the Vinegrower's hand. The vine which God is tending is bursting with new life, its reach is never ending, while pruned with sharpest knife. It stretches to the sunshine with yearning born of need, and bears good fruit for new wine, love born from tiny seed. Christ is the vine, we are the branches; nurtured and pruned by the Vinegrower's hand. The vine was born in darkness and from the earth it grew; a rose pure in its starkness, caressed by Spirit dew. As Moses once saw branches with holy brightness glow, we see our spreading branches through all creation grow. Christ is the vine, we are the branches; nurtured and pruned by the Vinegrower's hand. And we who twine together are rooted in the Vine; with love in Christ we gather, to share the bread and wine. In Christ we are abiding, we grow within God's care and spread this joyful tidings ev'rywhere. Christ is the vine, we are the branches; nurtured and pruned by the Vinegrower's hand.

SERMON

MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

The Reaper's Song

op. 68, no. 18 by R. Schumann



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*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family, and in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #137

He Came Down

HE CAME DOWN

*Thank you to our Youth, and everyone who assisted with worship this morning.
This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Earl Varney,
in loving memory of Mina Hale Varney.*

1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Psalm 22:25-31

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. ²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever! ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. ²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. ²⁹To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. ³⁰Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, ³¹and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

He Came Down

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He came down that we may have love; he

came down that we may have love; he came down that we may

have love; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

Leader: Why did he come?

Additional stanzas:

- ... that we may have light
- ... that we may have peace
- ... that we may have joy

Because this traditional Cameroon piece begins with the refrain, it does not initially reveal that it is cast as a call-and-response song. Assigning the answers to the congregation rather than to the leader is a notable affirmation of the corporate wisdom of God's people.



WORLD AUTISM MONTH April is World Autism Month, an opportunity to understand how autism impacts WPC and the community at large, raise awareness about autism acceptance and promote inclusion and connectedness for people with autism. Use the QR code for more information.

SECOND CHANCE MONTH April is Second Chance Month, a nationwide campaign to raise awareness and unlock second chances for men and women who have paid their debt to society. Visit the WPC website for more information.



WALK WITH EASE A program developed by the Arthritis Foundation to safely make physical activity part of your everyday life. Held at Redwood Community Center (280 6th Street, Brookhaven), **1:30-3 p.m., Fridays through May 17**. Use the QR code for more information and to register.



MISSA GAIA CHORAL CONCERT Celebrate the beauty of the earth, **4 p.m., TODAY, April 28**, with Paul Winter's Earth Mass ("Missa Gaia") performed by the SPC Chancel Choir, Agape Singers and Alleluia! Singers; soloist Liz Seymour; guest choristers from the community and an instrumental ensemble under the direction of Meghan Meloy Ness. Held at Swarthmore Presbyterian Church, 727 Harvard Avenue. Use the QR code to livestream.

YOUTH GROUP MINI GOLF AND ARCADE NIGHT Meet at Putt Putt Family Fun Center (5300 W Baltimore Pike, Clifton Heights), **4:30 p.m., TODAY, April 28**, for mini golf and arcade time. Open to grades 6-12.

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS: THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM Speakers from Planned Parenthood of Southeastern PA will update the broader legal issues, social issues and current challenges to Pennsylvanians accessing the full spectrum of reproductive health care services, **Wednesday, May 1**. They will also address the history of the church's involvement in advocating for reproductive freedoms and share personal stories from their decades of work in this arena. The discussion will be followed by a Q & A. The speakers will be Dayle Steinberg (President and CEO), Marvin Marsh (retired Baptist pastor and board member) and Terry Marsh (spiritual accompanier). **Potluck at 6:30 p.m., talk at 7:15 p.m.**



SPROUTS END OF YEAR BBQ Kids – enjoy a cookout, obstacle course, games and crafts, **6 p.m., Friday, May 3**. Parents – please bring a side to share; kids – please bring canned goods for our Red Wagon. The event is open to grades K-5 (children younger than Kindergarten are invited if they are accompanied by a parental figure) Use the QR code to register – **deadline, Wednesday, May 1**.

KIDS CAFÉ Kids – meet Miss Lee in the choir room, **11 a.m., Sunday, May 5**, for songs, games and refreshments. Open to kids age 4-11.

PROVIDENCE GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE Select annuals, perennials grown by club members, shrubs, natives, plants from local nurseries and planted containers and troughs, **5-8 p.m., Friday, May 3 and 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, May 4**. Proceeds support community organizations and payment may be made by cash, check or credit card. The event will be held in the WPC parking lot, rain or shine, and Friday will feature Zac’s Burgers food truck.

CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE Enjoy An Afternoon of A Cappella, **3 p.m., Sunday, May 5**, featuring the award-winning Haverford School Notables and Baldwin School B-flats performing a wide variety of music, from classical to music theater to jazz to pop, and everything in between. The suggested donation is \$15, with the concert benefiting Keep Music Alive, a Delaware County non-profit organization that seeks to help more children (and adults) reap the educational, therapeutic and social benefits of playing music.

W.O.W. SPRING DINNER All women in the congregation are invited to enjoy our potluck salad and dessert supper in the Manse garden, **6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 8**. Bring a dish to share and a chair.

SPRING CLEANUP Lend a hand to help tidy up the beds and spread mulch, **9 a.m., Saturday, May 11**. Please bring your own tools.

CALLING ALL GRADS If you or a loved one is graduating from high school, technical school, college or grad school, we’d like to celebrate! Email/call the church office with the grad’s name, school and degree. For HS, include their plans for the fall. The deadline is **Monday, May 13**.

PRIME TIME Joe Henwood, author of “Remembering a Great American Hero, Marian Anderson,” will present insights into the life of the legendary contralto, civil rights icon and Philadelphian, **Tuesday, May 14**. He will talk about the power of faith in her life, with some little-known stories of her courage and generosity. **Lunch begins at noon; the talk, 12:30 p.m.**

BOOKLOOK Discuss *Red Notice: A True Story of High Finance, Murder, and One Man’s Fight for Justice*, by Bill Browder, “a financial caper, a crime thriller and a political crusade – the story of one man taking on overpowering odds to change the world and also the story of how, without intending to, he found meaning in his life.” (Amazon), **7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 15**. Contact Walt Kaminski to order – the cost is approximately \$5.50.



MEDIA CHAMBER CHORALE CONCERTS American Voices, featuring Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms, will be presented **7:30 p.m., Friday, May 17** and **4 p.m., Saturday, May 18**. The concerts will be held at WPC. Use the QR code for ticket information.



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS We have so many great new families at WPC - we need YOU to help make the Summer Sunday School program (**June 2 – September 1**) possible for them. Teachers for the K-5 class play the DVD lesson and interact with the kids. Like to help? Use the QR code to volunteer.

VBC This year's theme is Scuba - Dive into Friendship with God, featuring fun, faith-filled programming; storytelling, games, crafts, fellowship; end-of-week celebration and mission (Red Wagon). Held **Monday, July 8 – Friday, July 12**. Open to kids ages 4-11 – **registration begins Tuesday, June 4**.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS The Abilities Initiative has added four new books to our library:

- Super Aging: Getting Older Without Getting Old (David Cravit and Larry Wolf)
 - Neurodiversity Affirming Glossary of Key Vocabulary: (PDA Space Summer 2023 Edition) (Edgar Helen)
 - What will happen to my Special Needs Child when I am gone: A Detailed Guide to Secure your Child's Emotional and Financial Future (Susan Jules)
 - Every Brain is Beautiful: A Little Kids' Guide to Neurodiversity (Sara Furlong)
- All are available to be checked out.

RED WAGON WPC supports 3 food pantries – Chester Eastside, LifeWerks & Media Food Bank. Media Food Bank is requesting:

- Breakfast Food (dry cereal, hot cereal, shelf-stable milk)
- Canned Goods (canned fish, meat, vegetables, fruit)
- Pantry Staples (broth, cooking oil, vinegar, sugar, flour)
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo, salad dressing)
- Snacks (crackers, chips, cookies)
- Beverages (coffee, tea, juice/juice boxes, hot chocolate)
- Personal Care (feminine hygiene items, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes/toothpaste)
- Baby Items (baby food, diapers, pull-ups, wipes)
- Household Essentials (toilet paper, paper towels, laundry/dish detergent)
- Pet Food (dog/cat; wet/dry)
- Egg Cartons

WPC Week at a Glance	
Sunday, April 28 - Youth Sunday	Thursday, May 02
09:30 am- Chancel Choir	07:30 pm- Chancel Choir
10:00 am- Worship	07:30 pm- BSA 277/2019
11:00 am- Coffee Hour	Friday, May 03
12:00 pm- Elisa Muzzillo Flute Recital	05:00 pm- Providence Garden Club Plant Sale
04:30 pm- Youth Group: Putt Putt/Arcade	06:00 pm- Sprouts
Monday, April 29	Saturday, May 04
10:00 am- Adult Bible Class	08:00 am- Providence Garden Club Plant Sale
Tuesday, April 30	01:00 pm- BSA 228
04:00 pm- Flute Lessons	Sunday, May 05
Wednesday, May 01	09:30 am- Chancel Choir
09:00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner	10:00 am- Worship
10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends	11:00 am- Coffee Hour
03:00 pm- Flute Lessons	11:00 pm- Kid's Café
03:30 pm- Brass Lessons	03:00 pm- Concert for a Cause
06.30 pm- Peacemaking & Social Justice	
07:00 pm- Valley Voices	

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